JAEGERS, ALBERT

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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Albert Jaegers

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the

Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

BENJAMIN ANDREWS
74 SHUART ROAD
MONSEY, N. Y.

26 Jan 1966

Director
Lincoln Museum
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co
Ft Wayne, Ind

Dear Sir:

About fifty years ago, a sculpture competition was held in Springfield, Ill to determine who was to be commissioned to do a statue of the young Lincoln. As we understand it, the bust submitted by Albert Jaegers won the competition but he did not get the commission.

He died during the 1920's and his studio remained in his widows family until a couple of years ago.

At that time this bust, and a 3/4 size plaster standing statue of Lincoln were sold to

Lincoln Savings Bank
Broadway and Boerum St.
Brooklyn 6, N.Y.

Attn: Harry Wyrtzen
V.P.

The standing statue (plaster) was later gilded and placed in a new section of one branch of the bank (Photographs of it are available).

And the bank (Mr Wyrtzen) has contemplated having a few castings made of the very lovely bust.

If there is any possible interest on your part to procure an interesting and far from trite bust of Lincoln, may I suggest you contact the bank.

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May I also take this chance to request a copy of the Joan Cornwell painting as offered to the last policy holders mailing of the company.

Yours Very Truly

Benjamin Anders

Andrews, Benjamin

February 1, 1966

Mr. Benjamin Andrews
74 Shuart Road
Monsey, New York

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Many thanks for your letter of January 26th. I have read with interest your description of the statue of the young Lincoln and the bust of Lincoln which is the work of Albert Jaegers. I did not know that this sculptor was extant.

You suggest that I write to the Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn, New York, for more information. In the past we have had some correspondence with this institution and I will be happy to make further inquiries regarding any copies of the work that might be available.

With the very best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

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